

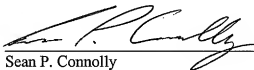
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 1, 2008, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute at this time Group I corresponding to claims 1-14 and drawn to a method of isolating RNA without traverse. Applicant hereby withdraws Group II, claims 15-23, as being directed to a nonelected invention with the provision that these claims may be prosecuted in a subsequent application.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. Should any fees be necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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